

What is Claimed:

1. A system for creating a list of selected titles comprising:
a source of works which may include at least in part, an audio
component;
a visual output device;
circuitry, coupled to the source and the output device, for
building a stored inventory of works and for creating a displayable list of titles on
the output device of at least some of the works.
2. A system as in claim 1 which includes an audio output device
coupled to the building circuitry and playback circuitry for presenting to the audio
output device an output corresponding to the titles on the list.
3. A system as in claim 1 which includes a device for storage of
digital representations of a plurality of works.
4. A system as in claim 3 which includes circuitry for writing
a list to the storage device.
5. A system as in claim 4 which includes circuitry for modifying
a selected list. A
6. A system as in claim 5 which includes circuitry for presenting
the works on the modified list to the audio output device.
7. A system as in claim 2 which includes a video output device.
8. A system as in claim 1 wherein the circuitry includes a
programmable processor.
9. A system as in claim 8 which includes a control program,
executable by the processor, for providing information on the visual output device
as to selected characteristics of at least some of the works.
10. A control element usable with a programmable processor
having a digital input device coupled thereto and an audio output device coupled
thereto comprising:
commands for reading and storing at least one digitized work;
and

commands for building a displayable list of works.

11. An element as in claim 10 which includes:
commands for presenting a list of works for review.

12. An element as in claim 10 which includes commands for
5 modifying a selected list.

13. An element as in claim 12 which includes commands for
presenting, sequentially, works on a selected list to the audio output device.

14. An element as in claim 13 which includes commands for
reading a digitized work from a wireless source.

15. An element as in claim 13 which includes commands for
10 reading a digitized work from a local storage medium coupled to the input device.

16. An element as in claim 12 which includes commands for
building an inventory of digitally stored works.

17. An element as in claim 10 which includes commands for
15 determining if an authorizing credit has been established.

18. An element as in claim 10 which includes commands for
writing at least one work on a selected list to a portable digital storage medium.

19. An element as in claim 10 wherein the commands are storable
on a portable digital storage medium. A

20. A terminal for providing works on demand from a remote
20 source with an inventory of available works, the terminal comprising:

circuitry for receiving digital representations of works from
a remote source;

circuitry for creating a list of selected works and further
25 circuitry for presenting the works on the list sequentially to an output device on
demand.

21. A terminal as in claim 20 which includes devices for storing
at least one of the works received from the remote source.

22. A terminal as in claim 20 which includes credit establishing
30 circuitry.

23. A terminal as in claim 21 wherein in response to an established credit, a designation of at least one work can be added to the list.

24. A terminal as in claim 20 wherein the receiving circuitry is adapted to interconnect to a wired, at least in part, communications network.

5 25. An apparatus for selecting works stored in discontinuous, non-analog format, the apparatus comprising:

a user operable input device for specifying a plurality of works;

10 circuitry for receiving from a source at least one specified work in a discontinuous format;

control circuitry coupled to the input device and the circuitry for receiving, wherein the control circuitry is adapted to create a visibly displayable sequence of the selected works; and

15 elements for storing commands enabling a user to modify the displayable sequence. A

26. An apparatus as in claim 25 which includes a credit establishing device.

20 27. An apparatus as in claim 25 which includes an output device for writing the works in the sequence, in a discontinuous format to a selected medium.

28. An apparatus as in claim 27 wherein the output device comprises a disk drive wherein the medium is removable.

25 29. An apparatus as in claim 25 wherein the source is displaced from the apparatus and the apparatus includes receiver circuitry coupled to a transmission medium, for receipt of the works.

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